

Remarks

Claims 1, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 27, 28, 33, 53, 61, and 83-87 are pending. Claims 62-66 have been canceled without prejudice to their assertion in a later filed application.

Claims 1, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 27, 28, 33, 53, and 83-87 were identified in the office action as being allowable.

Applicants respectfully note that the status of claims 12 and 61 were not identified in the office action. To the best of the Applicants' knowledge, these claims are pending and are also allowable.

1. Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph

Claims 62-66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph. Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection, but in order to expedite allowance of the application and passage to issue, the rejected claims have been canceled. The rejection based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph is therefore moot, and Applicants request that it be withdrawn.

2. Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph

Claims 62-66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph. Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection, but in order to expedite allowance of the application

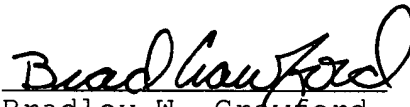
and passage to issue, the rejected claims have been canceled. The rejection based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph is therefore moot, and Applicants request that it be withdrawn.

Allowance of the claims and passage of the case to issue are respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe a discussion of this matter would be helpful, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 913-2114.

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